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## BERLIN ACKNOWLEDGES SUSSEX ATTACK

### WILSON PLEDGED FULL SUPPORT OF CONN. DELEGATES

Convention Adopts Resolutions Instructing State Representatives to Vote For Renomination of Wilson and Marshall.

Utmost Harmony Prevails and Fourteen Delegates Are Elected Without Contest—Session Adjourns in Twenty Minutes.

New Haven, May 10—It took only twenty minutes for the Democratic state convention to complete its work here this morning.

Fourteen delegates to the national convention in St. Louis, were elected without the slightest contest, and concise resolutions instructing the delegates for Wilson and Marshall were adopted unanimously.

The utmost harmony prevailed. Bryan F. Mahan, of New London, who had been endorsed for delegate-at-large, withdrew his name in order that there would be no contest on the convention floor.

The delegates-at-large are W. O. Burr, editor of the Hartford Times; David E. Fitzgerald, of New Haven, the state chairman; Charles D. Lockwood, of Stamford, law partner of National Committeeman Cummings; and former Congressman William Kennedy, of Naugatuck.

District delegates were selected in caucuses held last night and the convention quickly ratified these.

The convention was late in re-assembling. The credentials committee had voted to approve the temporary roll and this disposed of the Plainfield contest. Postmaster J. E. Elliott being seated. The permanent organization committee recommended Mr. Cummings for chairman and P. B. O'Sullivan for secretary.

The resolutions committee last night sent the platform with a sub-committee which submitted a concise document, praising the administration of President Wilson.

Mr. Cummings in wielding the gavel to secure quiet created a lull and applause by greeting the delegates with "Good morning." He then said that, while the phrase might be a bit shopworn, he could say that "the dove of peace had not only spread its wings over this Democratic gathering but had actually alighted."

This reference was taken to confirm the report that Bryan F. Mahan of New London had withdrawn his name as a candidate for delegate-at-large.

The resolutions (printed elsewhere in The Farmer) were adopted without dissent.

The mention of President Wilson's name was applauded. To choose district delegates was the first business on hand and districts were called in order. Augustine Loneran of Hartford offered the names of Michael Conner of Enfield and Thomas Hewes of Farmington, from the first district.

Joseph T. Fanning of Norwich for the second district presented the names of Alton T. Minor of New London and Roland U. Taylor of Haddam. These were accepted.

David E. Fitzgerald for the third district offered the names of Louis E. Stoddard of New Haven and Thomas L. Reilly of Meriden. They were nominated.

Robert G. DeForest of Bridgeport presented the names of Daniel E. Walker of Bridgeport and John J. McEvoy, of Waterbury, for the fourth district and they were chosen.

Chairman Cummings next called for nominations for delegates at large. Bryan F. Mahan arose and said he desired to withdraw his name which would have been presented by the second district delegation and he offered a resolution in behalf of Mr. Burr, of Hartford, Mr. Fitzgerald, of New Haven, Mr. Lockwood, of Stamford, and Mr. Kennedy, of Naugatuck.

In calling for action on the resolution, Chairman Cummings said that, as Mr. Mahan had pointed out, the voting on five names for four places would have precipitated a contest on the floor. Mr. Cummings pointed out that Mr. Mahan's action in withdrawing was an injury to the harmony in the convention.

### DEMOCRATS WHO'LL REPRESENT STATE AT ST. LOUIS CONVENTION

Delegates-at-Large.  
Willie O. Burr, of Hartford.  
David E. Fitzgerald, of New Haven.

Charles D. Lockwood, of Stamford.  
William Kennedy, of Naugatuck.  
District Delegates.

1—Michael Conner, of Enfield.  
Thomas Hewes, of Farmington.  
2—Alton T. Minor, of New London.  
Roland U. Taylor, of Haddam.  
3—Thomas L. Reilly, of Meriden.  
Louis E. Stoddard, of New Haven.  
4—Daniel E. Walker, of Bridgeport.  
John Keogh, of Norwalk.  
5—John S. Addis, of New Milford.  
John J. McEvoy, of Waterbury.

### CONN. DELEGATION INSTRUCTED FOR WOODROW WILSON

The resolutions adopted today by the Democratic convention follow:

"We, the representatives of the Democratic party of the State of Connecticut in convention assembled, renew our allegiance to the principles of our party and express our pride and confidence in the manner in which the Democratic administration has met the difficult and important problems at home and abroad which affect so fundamentally the honor, the welfare and the prosperity of our common country.

"Believing, as we do, that the welfare, progress and safety of the republic demand a continuance of the wise statesmanship which has guided our public affairs for the last three years, we instruct the delegates elected by this convention to vote for the renomination of Woodrow Wilson and Thomas R. Marshall for President and United States respectively."

### BIGAMIST FAINTS AT SENTENCE TO STATE'S PRISON

Wife No. 2 Rushes to Him As He Collapses in Superior Court.

As he heard Judge Curtis sentence him to state's-prison for bigamy, Thos. Barry of this city fainted in the criminal superior court this afternoon. Sarah Goodnow, the girl for whom Barry deserted his first wife, rushed to the prisoner's side as he slid from his chair to the floor. He was taken to a cell downstairs and revived after a few minutes.

Barry was sentenced to state's prison for not more than three years and not less than 18 months. His first wife was Louise Myers, whom he married in Harris, N. J., August 3, 1914. He came to this city to work last year and became infatuated with Miss Goodnow. They were married March 27, 1916.

Another bigamist, John A. Hamlin, received a heavier sentence. He pleaded guilty to leading 18-year-old Mabel Tracy of this city to the altar, although he already had a wife in Downington, Pa. The court sent Hamlin to state's prison for not more than four and not less than two years. Hamlin claims to be a circus man. The mother of the Tracy girl suspected there was something wrong when her daughter began to go around with Hamlin. She caused an investigation to be made and Hamlin's arrest followed.

### Electricians Are Sentenced To Year In the County Jail

Gresham Calvert and James Sweet, accused of stealing goods from their employers, Kilpatrick and Hotz, the local electricians, were each sentenced to one year in jail by Judge Curtis in the criminal superior court this afternoon. The young men rented a store in Norwalk and stole goods from Kilpatrick & Hotz in order to get stock for their new business.

William Bedell pleaded guilty to attempted assault upon seven year old Bessie Feeden of this city. It was said he made advances to the child in a local moving picture theatre. Bedell was sentenced to jail for one year.

### THE WEATHER

Cloudy tonight and Thursday, probably showers. Warner tonight. Southerly and increasing winds.

### MAY SACRIFICE CASTLE RONALD ART TREASURES

Debtor Attaches Personal Property of Estate of Famous Whip

HUNDRED THOUSAND ASKED FOR ESTATE

Owner of Famous Hilltop Mansion Has Received Offer of \$75,000

(Special to The Farmer.)  
Newtown, May 10.—Myron W. Bronson of Hockensack, N. J., has levied an attachment for \$16,000 on the personal property of Miss Elizabeth Blake, the owner of Castle Ronald.

The property which includes the rare paintings, statuary, tapestries, and rugs, were gathered by Peter Lorillard Ronald during his life time to beautify his magnificent home on the crest of one of the highest hills of Newtown. At his death eight years ago he bequeathed these with the castle to Miss Blake, who had been his private secretary for many years.

The property has become involved in litigation through attempts to make the castle return value in money by letting it for use as sanatorium or rest institution, all of which turned out poorly. To make these changes, Miss Blake mortgaged the castle to the extent of about \$40,000, and the holders of these mortgages of debt have brought foreclosure proceedings, the time of redemption being next month. The latest attachment is to secure the holder of mortgages, other than the first, which latter is held by the New York Savings bank.

Miss Blake has refused an offer of \$75,000 but is holding out for \$100,000 and hopes to get its value approximately before it will automatically pass into the control of the mortgagees by court action. The records show that when it was built in 1888 the castle cost \$150,000, and it has been greatly enlarged and modernized in recent years. Deputy Sheriff M. D. Beers, who served the attachment papers, has filed a list of the personal property with the town clerk and has put Constable C. E. Johnson in charge.

### TRUMBULL WOMAN GIVES TO CHURCH \$10,000 ESTATE

Emma H. Peet Provides For Place of Worship in Her Town.

In the will offered for probate today, Emma H. Peet of Southbury bequeathed the life use of her estate to her sisters, Evana and S. Gertrude Peet and provides that at their death the estate shall go to the Trinity Protestant Episcopal church of Trumbull, Conn., and the other life use of the remainder of the estate. It is the intention of the testatrix to divide it this way if both are living and to give it to the survivor if one is dead.

After both sisters are dead the estate is to be divided into eight parts. Two of these portions are to be given to the wardens and vestry of Trinity Protestant Episcopal church, Trumbull, to use the income for the perpetual care of property given by her to the church. The trustees of donations and bequests for church purposes, a corporation connected with the above mentioned church, are to receive two portions for the benefit of that church. The two portions are given absolutely, if to be applied to the endowment fund of the church.

The will says, "It is my wish and desire that at some time in the future when the necessity arises, a church edifice or parish buildings may be erected upon a portion of the land included in this gift."

If any of the funds are applied to building of church structures then it is the wish of the testatrix that said building be known as "The Peet Memorial" or that her name be in some appropriate manner identified with the gift.

One portion is bequeathed to the treasurer of the Nichols Village Improvement association, in trust, to be used for the care and maintenance of Nichols Green. One part goes to the Nichols Burying Ground association, to be used as a trust fund for care of the George H. Peet plot. Two other shares go to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary society of the Protestant Episcopal church, absolutely and forever.

### HEAVY FROST IN NORFOLK

Norfolk, May 10.—Unofficial reports from various parts of the town show that a heavy frost, indicated a temperature of 32 degrees above zero early today. There was a heavy frost and ice formed during the night on still water. Damage to vegetation, however, was trifling as it was not far advanced.

### BATCHELLER GIRLS WALK OUT IN BODY

Seven Hundred and Fifty Corset Workers Quit Jobs When Crown Co. Work Is Transferred to Other Shop—Factory Is Idle.

Carpenters Settle Strike at Remington City and Will Return to Work Tomorrow—Walkout Threatened in Fairfield Rubber Shop—Ask Shorter Hours.

In compliance with a decision made last night by the executive committee of the Corset Workers and the Cutters' union, 750 girls walked out of the George G. Batcheller Co. factory this morning.

Members of the union discovered yesterday afternoon that the Batcheller shop was doing some of the Crown work. They reported this to the union officials and the strike vote followed. No disorder occurred. In accordance with plans, the girls walked out at 10 o'clock. When at a prearranged signal, they lay down their work and walked out of the building.

As some of the girls were passing the Crown Corset Co., somebody inside looked out of a window and saw them. They reported this to the union officials and the strike vote followed. No disorder occurred. In accordance with plans, the girls walked out at 10 o'clock. When at a prearranged signal, they lay down their work and walked out of the building.

"You'd better pick it up, girls. You'll need it," said a young policeman who was patrolling the neighborhood. Those inside will need it sooner than we," rejoined one of the strikers.

Although the strike vote last night was secret, the factory officials were apprised of it soon after 7 o'clock this morning. A communication was despatched to the police by the officials, asking for police protection. A squad of policemen was sent to the factory, but they found nothing to do.

Leaving temporary pickets, the crowd of girls went to the Park theatre building hall on Main street, immediately. There they held a meeting, appointed meeting officers and designated pickets for each hour of the day. They will work in squads of eight.

Organizer John Pierce addressed the girls this morning. He told them that he had been assured by Edward Russell, owner of the factory, that there was no connection between the two. He said he took him at his word, at the same time warning the Batcheller girls to watch out for Crown corset work. They found it yesterday afternoon, and the strike vote at night followed.

Several men, who are cutters in the Batcheller factory, said this afternoon, "I don't know what action we will take." He said Mr. Russell knew of the strike, but hadn't said whether or not he will come to Bridgeport.

More than 1,000 garment workers are out as a result of the trouble in the Crown shop, where one girl wouldn't join the union and was accused of heckling its members.

We did all we could to avert the strike in the Batcheller shop," said Mr. Pierce. "It was proved, however, that Crown work was being done there, and the union girls struck."

The plant is idle this afternoon.

### Settle Strike of 300 Carpenters on Arms Co. Buildings

The 300 carpenters employed by James Stewart & Co. at the Remington Arms & Ammunition Co.'s construction jobs in Remington City will return to work tomorrow morning.

A conference as held this noon between Organizer John Flynn of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and George C. Grist, superintendent of the Stewart Co. Some arrangements were made, the exact nature of which neither the company nor the union's officials would disclose. Neither would say whether or not the men will get increased pay as demanded.

The carpenters on the Remington jobs quit Saturday, asking \$4.50 a day, whereas the union had agreed that its members would be satisfied with \$4.25.

Five contractors have already indicated a willingness to sign agreements with the union. Monday, if the others haven't opened negotiations, the agreements will be signed on the unfair list of the union.

C. J. Boyle, organizer of the Electrical Workers' union, said the morning that all the strikers except those who are needed for the work of the union, have obtained jobs. Calls have been received from Greenwich and New Haven for electrical workers, but not enough men were available to fill them. Two of the strikers (Continued on Page 13.)

### TORPEDO CRAFT IN BATTLE OFF BELGIAN COAST

British Destroyer Badly Damaged, Says Berlin—Version of Fight.

TWO GERMAN BOATS MEET FIVE OF FOE

Paris Reports Cessation of Heavy Fighting on Verdun Front.

Berlin, May 10.—In an engagement off the Belgian coast on Monday between German and British torpedo craft, a British destroyer was badly damaged by artillery fire, according to official announcement by the German admiralty under date of May 9.

"Two German torpedo boats," says the official statement, "while reconnoitering on the morning of May 8, had a brief engagement north of Ostend with five British torpedo boat destroyers.

"One destroyer was badly damaged by artillery fire. The German torpedo boats returned to port undamaged."

Paris, May 10.—Activity on the Verdun front has decreased, according to the statement given out by the war office this afternoon. Artillery action west of the Meuse was less pronounced and east of the river was only intermittent. An attack on French trenches between the Oise and the Aisne was repulsed.

Berlin, May 10.—The Germans have made further progress on Hill 304 on the Verdun front and have driven back French detachments south-west of the hill, the war office statement of to-day says.

London, May 10.—According to a despatch from an "eye witness" with the British army in Mesopotamia, Khalil Pasha, the Turkish general to whom the British forces under General Townshend surrendered at Kut-el-Amara, showed the utmost respect for his prisoners. Khalil Pasha expressed admiration for the gallant defense of the garrison and showed anxiety that they should be well fed. He especially desired that every comfort and consideration should be shown to General Townshend.

### PEARL DAYTON TO MARRY CHAUFFEUR; GETS HER LICENSE

Young Woman, Recently Divorced, Has Had Eventful Life.

A marriage license was issued this morning at the town clerk's office to Pearl Dayton, better known as Pearl Dayton, and John P. McHugh, a chauffeur living at 154 Gregory St. Mrs. Dayton, whose maiden name was Clara Smith, has had a sensational history during the last few years. In November, 1910, when she was scarcely out of her teens, she eloped one night with Sherman Hill, clerk at the Atlantic hotel who robbed the safe of the hotel and while there because of his unusual height of 6 feet and 7 inches and his slenderness, Hill was easily traced and was arrested in Washington, D. C., a few weeks later, in the company of his attractive brunette companion.

He was sentenced to a year in the county jail and while there because of his ability as a bookkeeper was put to work as a clerk in the office. Here he had access to the telephone. Mrs. Dayton's persistency in calling him up, proving that her love for him did not wane while he was incarcerated, caused him to be removed from the place in the office.

Several weeks ago, the woman's husband, Arthur W. Dayton, Jr., a store clerk in this city, obtained a divorce upon the grounds of desertion.

In obtaining the license to wed again, Mrs. Dayton gave her age as 24 and her residence at 1647 Barnum avenue. Mr. McHugh is not listed in the directory, but he also is reported as being 24 years old.

Mrs. Dayton's career here has been eventful. She is a familiar figure in the gay life of the town, and a frequent patron of the cabarets.

At 5 o'clock this afternoon Coroner John J. Phelan began an investigation of the death of Angelo Rizzo, aged 35, who was shot to death by his nephew, Michael Rizzo, aged 20, on Monday night.

The shooting occurred in front of the dead man's boarding house at 177 Sterling street. Young Rizzo, who surrendered to the police, declared he shot to avenge an outrage which his uncle had inflicted on his mother.

Rizzo is now held without bail, on the charge of first degree murder, which was lodged against him in city court today.

### GERARD SENDING NEW DATA ON TORPEDOING OF CHANNEL STEAMER

Reported That Additional Evidence Leaves No Doubt in Berlin That Submarine Commander Exceeded Authority and Attacked Non-Belligerent Ship—Holland Hears Report That Germany Will Take Steps Expressed in Last Reply to U. S. Protest.

Washington, May 10.—Secretary Lansing received a message from Ambassador Gerard today giving notice that a new note on the Sussex case had been handed him and was on the way to Washington.

It has been indicated that the German government now admits attacking the Sussex, gives notice that the submarine commander responsible has been punished, and promises to make reparation.

Amsterdam, Holland, May 10.—A semi-official despatch from Berlin says that as the result of the German government's investigation concerning the explosion which damaged the steamship Sussex, it can no longer be doubted that the vessel was torpedoed by a German submarine on the sup-

### BANDITS' RIFLE AMMUNITION IS SEIZED BY U. S.

Million Rounds of Cartridges Taken at Border—Pershing Ordered to Make Further Concentration of Troops—Rumors of Coming Raid By Carranzistas Are Denied By Aerial Scout.

Laredo, Tex., May 10.—One million rounds of rifle ammunition, which Mexicans attempted to smuggle across the river into Mexico near here, was confiscated by troops here today. It was believed the ammunition was intended for use of bandits in Mexico.

### MEMORIAL FUND OF B. H. S. GROWS TO OVER \$1,200

Somerset Memorial Will Be \$5,000 Principal For College Scholarships.

Twelve hundred dollars has already been subscribed to the Somerset Memorial fund, which will be instituted for High school scholarships. A fund of \$5,000 is sought.

The scholarship will be a memorial for late Miss Somerset, head of the French department in the High school. Alumni and undergraduates are co-operating for this end.

Pupils of the High school will be in charge of the fund. A meeting of the Alumni Drama club of B. H. S. will present a play in the High school auditorium June 3, and donate the proceeds to the fund. Rudolf Besler's "Don," a three-act comedy that played two seasons in the New theatre, will be presented. Dr. Louis B. Smirnov will address the audience at that time, telling of the proposed Shakespearean pageant, an effort to present which in June at Beardsley park, is being made.

Mrs. Jane Coughlin Wright, English teacher of the High school, is in charge of the fund. A meeting of the Drama club will be held at 8 o'clock Friday night in the lecture room of the H. H. school.

### Lineman Falls From Cross Arm and Right Hip Is Fractured

James Foley, aged 28, a lineman employed by the S. N. E. T. Co. fell from a cross arm this afternoon at Lafayette and Prospect streets. His right hip was broken and he is suffering from shock. He was taken to St. Vincent's hospital.

### STATE TO PENSION VETERANS.

Albany, May 10.—The bill to provide for the pensioning of Civil War veterans who have been employed continuously in the Civil Service of the state for 10 years or, if employed at manual labor, have become incapacitated, was signed by Governor Whitman today.

position that it was a warship, was in fact the Sussex.

The despatch says the German government has acquiesced the United States government with this fact, adding that, in accordance with the note of last month, Germany will draw its conclusions from the evidence which now has been adduced.

### TO CONCENTRATE ARMY.

El Paso, May 10.—General Pershing has been ordered to begin a greater concentration of his troops. Those detachments still operating as far south as San Antonio, it was said, will be withdrawn to Colonia Dablan.

### FORTY STUDENTS ENLIST.

Austin, Tex., May 10.—Forty students of the University of Texas had enlisted today for service in the Texas National Guard along the Mexican border. The University authorities said many more were endeavoring to enlist.

### Rumor of Raid Dispelled

Columbus, N. M., May 10.—Rumors that 3,000 Carranza soldiers were marching on Columbus and that General Pershing's rear guard had been attacked were dispelled here today after a reconnaissance flight made by Captain T. F. Dodd, of the air squad. Captain Dodd flew over the territory 75 miles to the south and west of Columbus. He reported seeing no Mexican soldiers and that all was quiet along the American line. The rumors of an attack became current last night. Machine guns were mounted in some parts of the military camp and soldiers kept close to their barracks.

### Another Conference With Obregon Today

El Paso, May 10.—No answer had been received early today from Washington to General Scott's message reporting General Obregon's proposal for a joint patrol of the international boundary. General Scott said today's conference, scheduled for this morning, will be held regardless of whether a reply was received to the plan of the Mexican minister of war.

Washington, May 10.—Secretary Baker informed President Wilson today that the conference between General Scott and General Obregon last night was not conclusive and that it would be continued today. He indicates that the outlook was more favorable for an agreement being reached. The exact points of difference were not revealed.

General Scott has advised Secretary Baker that no formal counter-proposals have been submitted by General Obregon but that Obregon arranged to submit today a letter containing his views.

Secretary Baker received from Governor Pinkham, of Hawaii, a tender of the services of the Hawaiian national guard.

### THOUSAND TAILORS STRIKE IN CHICAGO

Chicago, May 10.—One thousand tailors employed by E. Kuppenheimer & Co. were called out today to join the 600 cutters and trimmers who struck yesterday.